(c) 64 LPG distributorships and 75 Retail Outlet dealerships have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1994—96 and RO Marketing Plan 1993-96.

**Production target for Gas**

7171. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a production target of 30.2 million cubic metres of gas by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government would achieve this target; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As against the physical programme for the production of 30.2 billion cum mtrs. adopted at the time of drawing up the 8th Plan in 1991, the production potential likely to be achieved by 1996-97 is 29.3 billion cu. mtrs.

**Requirement of natural gas for the fertiliser industry**

7172. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian fertiliser industry has indicated its requirement of natural gas by the year 2000 AD;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the needs of Indian fertiliser industry can be met; and

(d) if not, what would be the shortage in the natural gas requirement for the fertiliser industry by 2000 AD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requirement of natural gas in the fertiliser sector has been assessed at around 50 MMSCMD in 2000 A.D.

(c) and (d) The supply of gas for the fertiliser industry in 2000 A.D. is expected to be around 29 MMSCMD and will meet the requirement of the units which have been allocated gas so far.

**Profits of IOC**

7173. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any analysis of the profits of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has been made; and

(b) if so, what portions of IOC's profits are from the Refinery Sector, Distribution Sector and the Marketing Sector, respectively stating the details thereof for the last three years, sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Sector-wise profits of IOC for the last three years are indicated below:-

(Rs./Crores)

| Profit before interest payment, investment and interest income and tax | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Refinery Division | 373.33 | 274.84 | 448.53 |
| Marketing Division | 451.44 | 600.41 | 617.70 |
| Other Sectors | 89.61 | 21.82 | 31.79 |
| *Total:* | 914.38 | 897.07 | 1098.02 |
| Addl. Investment & Interest Income | 823.40 | 405.17 | 401.39 |
| Less: Interest Payment | 653.00 | 367.26 | 535.30 |
| Profit before tax | 1084.78 | 934.98 | 964.11 |
| *Less:* Tax | 298.00 | 258.00 | 192.00 |
| Profit after tax | 786.78 | 676.98 | 772.11 |